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Special Announcement

Call for Nonprofit Coaches. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* is recruiting leaders from the nonprofit, business, foundation and government sectors to volunteer as coaches for nonprofit leaders participating in its 2005 Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) class. Each participating nonprofit executive is matched with a coach, who provides mentoring and strategic assistance in areas of interest such as management, fundraising, board development, and policy development. This is a great opportunity for interested individuals to share their expertise. For more information, contact Pat Henry at (202) 727-8900 or pat.henry@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

Federal Opportunities

Grant Competition To Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to develop or enhance, implement, and evaluate campus- and/or community-based strategies to prevent high-risk drinking or violent behavior among college students. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, public housing authorities, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 25, 2005. Approximately \$2,500,000 is available to fund 20 awards, ranging up to \$150,000. For further information, contact Tonja Lark at (202) 245-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov; or go

to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/E5-513.pdf>.

Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to enhance the school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children, and to prevent them from encountering difficulties once they enter school, by improving the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in communities that have high concentrations of children living in poverty. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is April 22, 2005. Approximately \$14,695,000 is available to fund 6 awards, up to \$5,000,000. For further information, contact Julius Cotton at (202) 245-6140 or julius.cotton@ed.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-2438.pdf>.

Recreational Programs. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to provide individuals with disabilities with recreational activities and related experiences to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, public housing authorities, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 29, 2005. Approximately \$1,027,111 is available to fund

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8 awards, up to \$140,000. For further information, contact Tonja Lark at (202) 245-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-2310.pdf>.

Comprehensive School Reform Quality Initiatives Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to support activities that will enhance the State-administered CSR program and to enable schools that have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Part A of Title I of the ESEA to meet their State's definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP). Eligible applicants include independent school districts, state governments, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 5, 2005, and the deadline for a Letter of Intent is March 7, 2005. Approximately \$12,000,000 is available to fund 2 categories. For further information, contact Tonja Lark at (202) 245-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-2225.pdf>.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

The Energy Office (DCEO), Renewable Energy Demonstration Project (REDP), February 25, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Office of Homeland Security (OHS), National Capital Region Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program, March 1, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), March 3 and June 2, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), DC Main Street Arts Initiative, March 3, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Serve DC, in partnership with the Freddie Mac Foundation, National Youth Service Day, March 4, 2005.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant Program, March 10, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

The State Education Office (SEO), FY 2005 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program, March 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, March 25, June 24, September 23, and December 22, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (CAH), Folk & Traditional Arts Mini Grants, April 7, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Service Grants. *The American Massage Therapy Association Foundation* announces grants for organizations that seek to provide innovative programs that bring massage therapy to marginalized populations such as poor people, immigrants, or those with HIV/AIDS. This program is designed to promote working partnerships between the massage therapy profession and community-based organizations. It benefits the recipient, the massage therapist, and the sponsoring organization by building stronger relationships between these parties. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2005. Grants range from \$500-\$5,000. For further information, contact The American Massage Therapy Association Foundation at (847) 869-5019 or info@massagetherapyfoundation.org; or go to: http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/grants_community.html.

Innovation in Teaching. *The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation for the Improvement of Education (NFIE)* makes Innovation Grants in

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support of collaborative efforts to develop and implement creative and unique ideas that result in high student achievement. Innovative ideas that focus on closing the achievement gap for underserved students are particularly encouraged. Eligible applicants include practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or higher education faculty and staff at public colleges and universities. Preference will be given to members of the NEA and to applicants who serve economically disadvantaged students. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2005. Awards of up to \$5,000 are available. For further information, go to:

<http://www.nfie.org/programs/grantguides.htm>.

Pediatric Health and Nutrition. *The Gerber Foundation* announces funds for projects that improve infant and young children nutrition, care and development from the first year before birth to three years of age. Programs should support a specific nutrition intervention and have defined outcome parameters. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2005. Awards range from \$50,000-\$1,000,000. For further information, contact Catherine Obits at tgf@ncresa.org; or go to: <http://www.gerberfoundation.org>.

Performing Arts Project Grant Program. *The Association of Performing Arts Presenters* announces a new Project Grant Program. The program encourages collaborations between ensemble theaters and arts presenting organizations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2005. Approximately 20-25 awards are available, ranging from \$20,000-\$40,000. For further information, contact Julia Ward, Programs Director, at TheatreProjects@artspresenters.org; or go to: <http://www.artspresenters.org/services/grants.cfm#project>.

Projects to Improve Healthcare Quality in Medical Practice. *The Physicians Foundation for Health Systems Excellence (PFHSE)* is dedicated to promoting high quality health care. PFHSE's funding priorities are: Practice Management, Physician Education, and Patient Safety/Disease Management. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations or medical societies that are tax-exempt under another

provision of the Internal Revenue Code. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2005. Awards range from \$100,000-\$1,000,000. For further information, contact Tracy Little at (617) 399-0417 or physicians@grantsmanagement.com; or go to: http://www.physiciansfoundation.org/e_intro.htm.

Travel Grants to Japan. *The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP)* announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) for travel to Japan in order to build networks between the Japanese and U.S. nonprofit sectors. Through site visits and meetings with their counterparts in Japan, U.S. nonprofit professionals and/or researchers committed to the sector exchange knowledge and expertise with the hope of forming a longer-term partnership. After returning to the U.S., the individual(s) would share their experiences through a small event for the general public, nonprofit professionals from other organizations, and/or researchers. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2005. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available. For further information, contact Eva Heintzelman at (212) 489-1255 or eva_heintzelman@cgp.org; or go to: <http://www.cgp.org/index.php?option=article&task=default&articleid=245>.

Resources & Announcements

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

IRS Clarifies Rules for Foundation Funding for Lobbying. *OMB Watch*, a government watchdog, published an article regarding a recent letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to the Washington,

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DC-based nonprofit, Charity Lobbying in the Public Interest (CLPI). The group had requested that the IRS answer a series of questions aimed at clarifying the law on foundation support of nonprofits that engage in lobbying. The response from the IRS dispels the misperception that foundation funding of nonprofits that lobby is inappropriate and illegal. It also provides guidance that foundations may safely rely on to facilitate funding. For further information, go to:

<http://www.ombwatch.org/article/articleview/2650/1/316>.

New Grant Support Organization. *The National Grants Partnership (NGP)* is a cooperative initiative among Federal officials, representatives of state, local and tribal governments; their executive branch grants offices; and nonprofit organizations. Its mission is to foster a partnership among state, local, and tribal government and nonprofit stakeholders and Federal grant-making agencies to improve effectiveness of use of grant funds and reduce burdens associated with grants administration. To accomplish this mission, the NGP is pursuing a number of specific projects and activities on behalf of - and providing leadership and support to - state, local and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations on issues relating to grants administration and management. The next meeting of the NGP will be February 16, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – noon, at the Urban Institute, 2100 M Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC. For further information, contact NGP at TheNGP@AOL.com; or go to: www.TheNGP.org.

Nonprofits Invited to Comment on Charity

Reform. *Independent Sector (IS)* convened an expert panel to develop recommendations for charity reform, as requested by the Senate Finance Committee. IS posted the results of their efforts on the Web and is accepting nonprofit comment on the proposals through February 18. The panel's preliminary report to the Senate Finance Committee will be delivered in early March. To review the recommendations, access the on-line comment form, or obtain more information on the expert panel and work groups, go to: www.nonprofitpanel.org/workgroupprecs/.

Your Board and Fundraising. *The Foundation Center – Washington, DC* offers an introductory class for small nonprofits to think through the process of getting their boards involved with fundraising. This process involves key elements, such as: the role of your board; how to address board members' concerns about fundraising; ways the board can participate in the fundraising process; and tips for strengthening your fundraising board. This session will take place on February 17, 2005, 9:30-11:00 a.m., at the Foundation Center - Washington, DC, 1627 K Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC. This program is offered free of charge. Space is limited. For further information, call (202) 331-1400; or go to: <http://fdncenter.org/washington/ybfdc.html>.

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